

Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



July 2022

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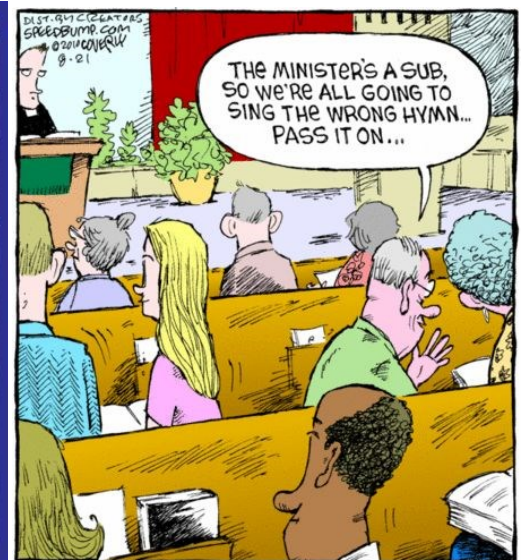
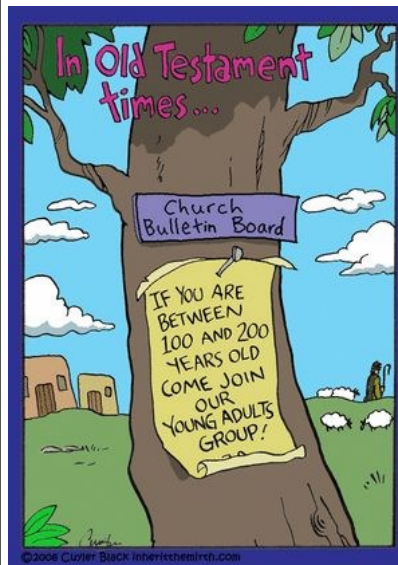
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***A Congregation of
The
Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod***

Mission Statement: "Zion is God's family of faith in Christ serving our communities, our country, and our world".

Humor



From the Pastor

Soon our nation will celebrate the 4th of July, and with that celebration we can take a few moments to reflect on the freedoms that we enjoy in our nation. In the United States, we have a number of freedoms established for us in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, such as the freedom of religion. (This is not just the freedom to worship inside a church building once a week, but the freedom to practice our faith every day of the week outside the church building as well! Put that freedom into practice by being active in your faith publicly each and every day, wherever you are!) In addition to our freedoms in the United States, we can also remember that our greatest freedoms ultimately come from God. He is the one who has given us freedom from fear, freedom from condemnation, freedom from death and hell. He has set us free in the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ in His death on the cross. Thanks and praise be to God for the freedoms He has given us!

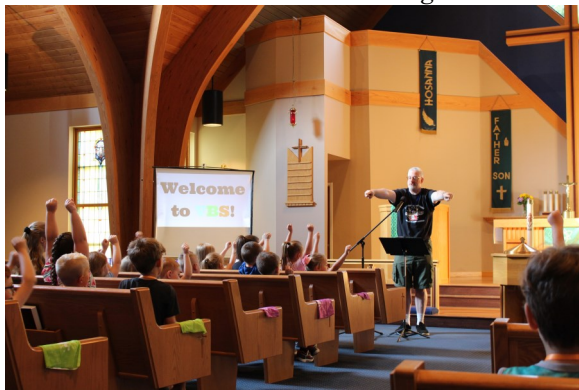
In Christ, Pastor Clayton

VBS 2022

Marianne McDaniel led singing, with Nancy Peterson accompanying all the songs on the piano.



Pastor Clayton led the opening and closing devotions each evening.



Jesus (Ray McDaniel) appears to His disciples after His resurrection to show that He is alive!



Ray McDaniel led the students in fun science experiments, such as making a metal paper clip float!



Each night the students acted out Bible stories.



The Master of the Feast tells the Bride and Groom at the Wedding at Cana that they have run out of wine!

Alex Tubbs led the games for the children. Not pictured, Phoebe Corey and Carl Sherrill assisted.



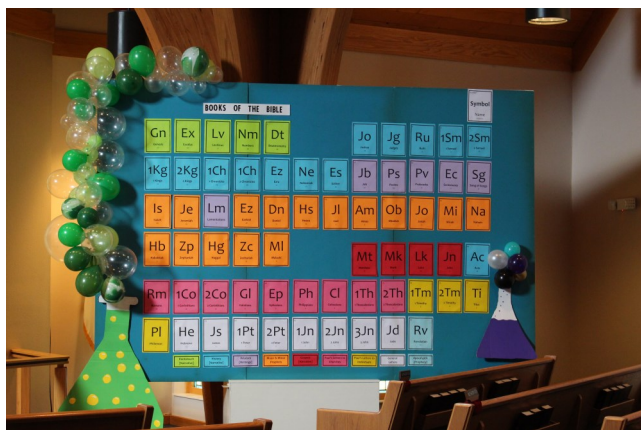
Crafts were led by Mary Kay Krausz, Camryn Walter, Sydney Walter, and Lisa Wehmeyer. Not pictured, Bessie Fick assisted.



Diana Edmund and Melinda Krausz helped with snacks throughout the week.



VBS Teachers and Staff joined the students for a full group photo. Thanks to all who attended, and to all who helped! Special thanks to Marsha Baro for serving as VBS Director this year!



The VBS Theme was "God's Wonder Lab" so the sanctuary was decorated with scientific objects, including this huge periodic table that in fact lists all the books of the Bible in order instead of the elements!

The children who attended VBS at Zion gathered for a group photo on Thursday, June 16.



Special Offering Music needed!

As Zion returns to passing the plates for the offering, we again have the opportunity to add special offering music to Sunday services. If you are interested in being included in the special music schedule, please contact Nancy Peterson. Young musicians who are studying an instrument or voice are particularly encouraged to share their gifts in this way!

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Transfer In:



Pictured in the group photo are, front row left to right: Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky, Rev. Brent Hartwig, Rev. Don C. Stein, Rev. Dr. Donald M. Stein, Chaplain Sean Daenzer; back row l to r: Rev. Brett Jones, Rev. President Tim Scharr, Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, and Rev. Dr. Doug Nicely.



On Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM, we had the joyful opportunity to celebrate the Ordination of Don Stein! Congratulations to the new pastor! The new Pastor Stein's father, Rev. Dr. Donald M. Stein, preached for the service, his vicarage supervisor, Rev. Brent Hartwig of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa, served as the lector, and Pastor Clayton served as the liturgist.



LWML 80th Goals

What is that??? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, with the theme, "80 Years of God's Grace". In celebration, Zion's Ladies Aid is doing a special collection every two months and invite **YOU** to participate.



(WE HOPE TO COLLECT AT LEAST 80 OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS!)

July/August:



Members of Zion's Ladies Aid (and guests) enjoyed lunch together at El Sombrero in Mascoutah on Thursday, June 16, 2022. It is good to be together!





MASCOUTAH TOWNSHIP 26th ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Last year, nearly 100 children were provided with school supplies, Backpacks, and shoes. Donations of supplies or cash need to be contributed by July 21st to 622 W. Main St., Mascoutah, or call 566-7132. See the list of items needed on the table in the narthex.



H A P P Y 4th of J U L Y !

Preschool!

Happy Summer everyone! I hope everyone is having a fun summer and staying cool in the heat. As I sit here in my incredibly quiet office, I am missing those little voices that I love hearing throughout the school year. I cannot wait to see all our returning Zion Preschool families and meet the many new families that will be joining us this year.

Both of our classes are currently full. We do have a waiting list for these classes and are happy to add names to the lists if you are interested.

Currently enrolled families will receive information in August regarding the beginning of school. May God bless everyone with a fun and safe summer!

God Bless,
Vikki Harms
Preschool Director



Elders Corner

I just attended the Memorial Day service here at Zion about a month ago. It was a wonderful service honoring current military men and women along with those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This reminded me of Jesus Christ, who also gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. He loved us so much He died on the cross to cover our sins so we could be saved. We need to thank our Lord for His sacrifice to us every day in prayer. We should honor Him with regular church attendance, devotions, and service to Him and others. What a privilege it is to serve the Lord in any capacity, whether it be by serving on a Church board, teaching Sunday School, or volunteering for one of the many committees the church needs help filling. Prayerfully consider any of these ways you can serve the Lord and do it joyfully.

In Christ,
Tom Sax

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas in Summer Sunday School has been very well attended in the month of June. If anyone is available or willing to help with crafts, please let Marianne know.

We are still in need of a Sunday School Assistant Superintendent. If interested, please contact myself, an elder, a Board of Ed member, or Pastor.



*May the Lord
bless and protect you*

*May the Lord shine
His face upon you
and be gracious to you*

*May the Lord turn
his face toward you
and give you Peace*





Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

??? Who Do I Contact ???

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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Choir/Organ- Josh & Nancy Peterson

618-973-8169

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office

To be added to prayer chain please

contact Pastor Clayton at

Pastor @ZionMascoutah. org

PRESCHOOL

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SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

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Tom Sax, Elder 618-401-3490

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YOUTH GROUP

Lindsay Murphy 618-530-7297



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
www.lhm.org

July 3

"Play the Sunset"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't negotiate our value with God; however, God regards us as infinitely valuable.
(Ecclesiastes 2:25)

July 10

"Power to Enjoy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is not a free pass to heaven; Jesus is the Reason why we want to be in heaven, the Source of joy in every place.
(Ecclesiastes 5:19)

July 17

"18 Hours in the Ocean "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Voltaire said, "Life is a shipwreck." The Bible gives us a rescue beacon.
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)

July 24

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

July 31

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



**IN GOD
WE TRUST**

MASCOUTAH FOOD
PANTRY ITEMS
NEEDED FOR JULY

Tang

Sugar

Egg Noodles

Tuna Helper

Ravioli

Taco Shells

BBQ Sauce

White Rice

Saltines

Mustard

Cake Icing

Ranch Dressing





BIRTHDAYS

07/04 Aidan Bloomquist
 07/04 Mollie Mileur
 07/06 Alex Tubbs
 07/09 Jennifer Biebel
 07/09 Mike Twenhafel
 07/10 Eliza Timmerman
 07/11 Hadley Sax
 07/12 Ava Sax
 07/11 Lita Timmerman
 07/12 Alan Kneschke
 07/13 Laura Duffie
 07/14 Amanda Kemezys
 07/14 Brianna Clark
 07/15 Jenny Lorton
 07/15 Joyce Linn
 07/16 Parker Roehrig
 07/19 Ryan Hinton
 07/19 Helen Sauerhage
 07/21 Austin Murphy
 07/21 Temple Linnertz
 07/21 Kennedy Underwood
 07/22 Cheryl Sax
 07/22 Joyce Hendrix
 07/23 Edward Linn
 07/23 Gabriel Lockwood
 07/24 Angie Twenhafel
 07/25 Nathaniel Clayton
 07/25 James Rehfeldt
 07/28 Earl Linnertz
 07/29 Sherrie Knutson
 07/31 Beth Twenhafel



LWML ~ JULY 21

80th Goal for July/August:

Collection of school supplies.

Activity: Lunch at Silver Creek Saloon
 11:30 AM (Tentative)



July



Wedding Anniversaries

07/02 Kent & Brenda Snyder
 07/07 Brad & Melissa Kohnen
 07/07 Joe & Katie Crismon
 07/11 Tommy & Marsha Baro
 07/16 Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer
 07/17 Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer
 07/31 Ernie & Marlene Lockwood



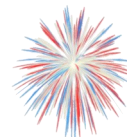
Altar Guild Schedule for July

10 Gail Frey
 24 Joyce Hendrix & Lesley Eads
 31 Mary Kay Krausz



Baptismal Anniversaries

07/01 Michael Ganey
 07/01 Rylan Ganey
 07/01 Chris Hatcher
 07/02 Madelyn Krausz
 07/06 Alex Tubbs
 07/07 Courtney Pike
 07/11 Lita Timmerman
 07/14 Mollie Mileur
 07/15 Hope Biebel
 07/16 Jerry Phillips
 07/17 Alana Fanous
 07/20 Zachary Hinrichs
 07/25 Shea Suedmeyer
 07/25 Payton Barnard
 07/25 Adrianna Biebel
 07/25 Nathaniel Clayton
 07/27 Mike Twenhafel



Flowers for July

3 In celebration of the 4th of July.

10 Kemezys family, in honor of Amanda's birthday and Timmerman family, in honor of Eliza's 4th birthday.

17 In honor of Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer's 23rd anniversary.

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Flowers
needed!

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
June 2, 2022**

Call to order.

Opening prayer/devotion: Pastor Clayton.

Roll call: Present – Pastor Clayton, Mike Twenhafel, Randy Schorfheide, Laurie Fournie, Debbie Heck, Jon Robinson, Alex Tubbs, and Jordan Rehfeldt

May council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

Board of Finance Report:

- 2022 Budget YTD – \$126,715.38
- 2022 Actual YTD – \$115,733.89 (-\$10,981.49)

Treasurer's report:

- Bank balance is at \$147,166.10
 - MMSP - to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented

Board of Education Report:

- Current enrollment is as follows:
 - 3-yr-olds:
 - Full with no current waiting list.
 - 4-yr-olds:
 - Full with 3 children on waiting list.
- The Fire Marshal and Licensing were re-visited May 17th and were found to be in compliance; now awaiting final renewal paperwork from DCFS.
- We have officially hired Wendy Schulz as the new 3-yr-old lead teacher for next school year. Amy Benjamin, Christy Reese, and Becky Barnes will all be returning in the Fall.
- Still need a Sunday School Assistant willing to be Superintendent.
- Considering hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser in Spring 2023 for preschool.

Pastor's report:

●Official Acts:

- MMSP to support Zion Mascoutah serving as the host and sponsoring congregation for Divine Services at the Concordia Seminary in St Louis for the 2022-2023 school year. This commitment involves Pastor Clayton leading worship and preaching at the Seminary approximately twice per semester, or about four times for the year. This request by the Seminary is considered a great honor for the congregation as only one congregation in the St Louis area serves in this way each year.
- Chaplain Sedwick will preach for Pastor Clayton from June 26-July 24 while Pastor Clayton and family are away on vacation. Emergency Pastoral Care coverage will be provided by Chaplain Sedwick, Pastor Stein, and Pastor Gregory.

●The Numbers:

- Visits: 68 (60 members and 8 non-members)
- Congregational Meetings and Activities: 25
- Circuit/District/Synod Events: 18
- Community Contacts: 4

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Board of Elders Report:

*Sunday Attendance Numbers for comparison.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weekly Total (Avg/Month)</u>
Jan	560	112
February	535	133.75
March	561	140.25
April	668	167
May	<u>688</u>	137.6
	3,012	

Weekly Avg (Jan-May) = 136.91

Monthly Avg (Jan-May) = 602.4

- 2022 Memorial Day Service was a success.
- Zion will host a special presentation, open to the public, on the effects of social media in today's society. Presentation date is September 24, 2022. Guest speaker: Peter Slaton, social media manager, LCMS.
- Zion-Mascoutah is being considered as a regional meeting site for the Shoebox Ministry. If Zion-Mascoutah is selected, the meeting date is September 10.
- Elders received many positive comments on re-instituting Communion at the Rail.
- During the June Elders meeting, re-instituting the passing around of the offering plates as well as placing attendance books back in the pews will both be discussed.

Board of Trustees Report:

- The church phone lines work sporadically, will be researched and addressed with the phone company.
- The kitchen sink was replaced.
- Parking lot bids were received and one will be selected.
- Received bids to fix the roof and one will be selected.

President's report:

- Evangelism – Ben Eatherton, President, Zion Council, is looking to see if Zion has any opportunities to be involved with the Landsdowne Project in East St. Louis.
- TBD; considering sponsoring a basketball camp at Unity Lutheran Church in the future on a date TBD.
- Strategic Planning – No updates.
- Constitution Committee – The district secretary confirmed receipt of proposed changes and now awaiting committee review.
- Pictorial – Scheduled for Oct 6-8; Mike Twenhafel will lead the committee of volunteers to assist with the pictorial process.

Old Business:

- No Old Business.

New Business:

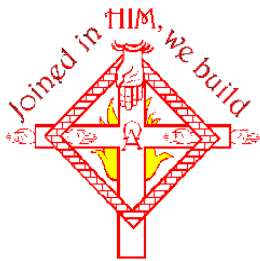
- Water fountain cups will be provided in the near future for congregants' convenience and safety.
- MMSP to approve the June 26, 2022 Ladies Aid Luncheon Fundraiser.

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 7, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Adjournment – MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Jon T. Robinson, Secretary



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BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person
and on Zoom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &
YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday 8:45 AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person
and on FaceBook

Address Service Requested

Worship Topics This Month

July 3 — Third Sunday after Trinity — Luke 15:11-32

— Chaplain Sedwick to Preach

July 10 — Fourth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 6:36-42

— Chaplain Sedwick to Preach

July 17 — Fifth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 5:1-11

— Chaplain Sedwick to Preach

July 24 — Sixth Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 5:17-26

— Chaplain Sedwick to Preach

July 31 — Seventh Sunday after Trinity — Mark 8:1-9

— “God Provides, Trust in Him”

Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!